CHARGES AGAINST WOMEN'S GUILD. JOE HOLLAND

For the contract of the contra

Former Registration and Complaint Clerk of Employment Agency Asks That Its License Be Revoked.

Serious charges against the Women's Domestic Guild of America, controlled by Mrs. Joseph Healy, whose headquarters are at No. 132 Madison avenue, have been filed with Superintendent of Licenses Keating, and there will be a hearing next Wednesday. The complainant against Mrs. Healy is Miss Annie Simms, of No. 164 East Thirty-seventh street, who up to Feb. 28 last was the guild's registration and complaint clerk.

The affadavit which Miss Simms has given to the Bureau of Licenses is sensational in character. No less sensational are statements which have been made along different lines to Supt. Keating by Catherine Louisa Glynn, a cook, of No. 215 East Twenty-eighth street, who is to be a witness on Wed-

The Women's Domestic Guild of America came into existence about ten months ago under high social and powerful financial influences. It was hailed as "the solution of the servant problem" and the "Mecca of mistress and maid." The crouble that has come upon it will no doubt be a shock to its numerous prominent and rich patrons and patronesses.

Like Other Agencies.

The gravamen of Miss Simms's alle gations places the guild on a par with employment agencies over which the law seeks to hold a tight rein. If all the young woman says is true it is no better than the majority of those in-stitutions, for all of its assumed dignity and reputable position.

It is forbidden by the law that employment agencies shall publish or cause to be published any false or fraudulent notice or advertisement and that "all advertisements of an employment agency by means of cards, circulars or signs and in newspapers and other publications, and all letterheads, receipts and blanks, shall contain the name and address of such employment agecy." With the allegation that the guild violates this provision of the law Miss Simms begins her affidavit, and con-tinues:

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"Many applicants threaten to go to the Commissioner with their complains, but fail to do so because they have not the necessary carfare. Frequently applicants for employment are allowed to sit about the agency for weeks at a time, but in every case when they demand a refund of their fee, although the agency has done nothing for them in the mean time, Mrs. Healy declines to refund more than fifty cents. She adopts an abusive and insolent manner toward applicants, which in many cases frighten so them away. This she did in the case of a little colored cirl who sat for two whole weeks in the agency, and was

diately after his departure said furniture was removed, and no classes have been held since.

"The office of the agency at Asbury Park was overrun with applicants for employment in consequence of the distribution of the above-mentioned circulars, and many of the residents along the Jersey coast were deprived of their help for the same reason. During the fall I was employed to go from house to house in New York City distributing these same circulars to servants, with

A tractive Programme for the

Benefit of the Lower East Side

Music School Settlement.

Since Mamie

Though quite refined,

Took Lessons.

A sweetheart until the other

She learned to play and sing,

And her music seemed to bring

rest she turned away.

The "sought-for" one-the

TO JOIN IN CONCERT.

EAMES AND YSAYE

HEAD OF WOMEN'S GUILD.

these false promises of employment, and it causing much dissatisfaction between servants and their employers.

"Mrs. Healy is continually deceiving subsorbers by telling them that she is going to establish training classes. Mrs. Healy also makes it a practice to keep on inserting an advertisement in the papers either for 'help wanted' or for 'situation wanted' when the 'ad.' proves to be an attractive one, even though the position may have been already filled. Employees in the agency have told me that many of their advertisements were fictitious."

Mrs Healy

"A Heart Offering Which ! Shall Cherish Forever," Says the Actor.

UNOUALIFIED SUCCESS. described Capt. Hussey.

OVERWHELMED

BY BIG BENEFIT

He Is Filled with Gratitude and Joy at the Phenomenal Results of Testimonial.

Joe Holland was more like his old eral years. The kindly smile, the genthe sympathy and sunny temper of the right." actor, who was given a testimonial second to none, has again asserted it-self through the ills of flesh. To those that called at the Hotel York to-day to pay their respects and offer their congratulations the actor was like an other man.

"I am so close to the greatest event in my life that I cannot yet express I don't think the public cares to hear myself," said Mr. Holland to an Evening World reporter to-day. "My gratitude and my joy at the kindness of it all has overwhelmed me. My own failure to deserve any such expression of regard tnakes the testimonial more gratifying to me.

"I see something more in this than eppears to the public. My brothers and eisters have been working on the benefit for months. They have sacrificed time, money and given their best work in my behalf. It is a heart offering which I shall cherish forever. I don't see how I can live up to the standard set by the kindness of the profession and

told Supt. Keating that she accused Mrs. Martin of knowing the kind of establishment to which she had sent her. As a result of this accusation Miss Glynn declares that Mrs. Martin had a policeman put her into the street. Joe Jefferson's Letter. "I did not know of the letter which my godfather, Joseph Jefferson, had sent. But I read it afterward and it Mrs. Healy said to-day in answer to Miss Simms's and Miss Glynn's brought tears to my eyes. It was so beautiful, just like the character of the charges:
"They are all false, and I shall be able man who wrote it. I lack words to

"Many applicants threaten to go to the Commissioner with their complains, but fail to do so because they have not been creasers expressed their provided in the face of their fee, although the agency have told me had a refund of their fee, although the agency have followed an absolve and insolent manners of their advertisements were the source of their fee, although the agency has done nothing for them in the mean, time, Mrs. Healy declines to refund more than fitty cents. So have been a hearing of their devices an absolve and insolent manners of their advertisements be revoked.

Mistress in Pink Tights.

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Receipts Were \$28,000.

There never was such a benefit given in this country. The receipts, \$25,000, and the crowded house that packed the Metropolitan Opera House, the array of stage celebrities all doing their best a gathering of society in the boxes, and withal such a heartfeit enthusiasm, made the Joseph J. Holland cestimonial a big chapter in Rialto history. Mrs. Cornelius Venderbilt bought a box for \$300. It was returned and then sold for \$500. The Lambs paid \$1,000 for an orchestra seat, and gave it to George Holland. All the affluent actors in another to see who could pay the most for seats.

The spirit of generosity which was displayed when the seats were auctioned was in no sense diminished when the player folk found themselves in the opera-house. It is safe to say that never before were so many prominent actors and actresses in one theatre before. When a flower girl or Aunt Louisa's candy girls put in an appearance there was a mad dash for her wares. It was luck for all that they were not required to give change. Boxes of candy that ordinarily cost 50 cents were sold at the minimum of \$5. Tea served by the most charming and pretitiest of actresses brought \$5 a cup. In several cases more than one cup was ordered by the same person.

Twelfth Night Club Helps.

woman on Special DEAD.

Probably the Most Expert Reins woman on Special may come of the form of Delth Charles.

In the death of Mrs. H. D. Gill, the wife of Dr. H. D. Gil Twelfth Night Club Helps.

HUSSEY SAYS HE HAS BEEN A BUSY MAN

"Model Captain" Tells Cartoonist Flinn What Work He Has Done in His District Since Jan. 5.

By Cartoonist Ed Flinn. "He's not a man with a heavy-set face, nor does he wear No. 12 shoes,' was the way the station-house doorman

When I was ushered into the office I was met by the Captain, a dapper little man, with jet black hair and mustache and a pair of large, snappy black eyes. would call him a rather frank, boyishlooking man and very unlike the average police official. He wore a black cutaway suit, high white-wing collar and black and white cravat, and I couldn't help thinking of a floorwalker in one of the big department stores, and expected self to-day than he has been for seving goods counter "three aisles to the

"Captain," I began, "It is said that your precinct is in a disgraceful condi-Do you think so, and if you do, who is it up to?"

Doesn't Care to Talk. "I've never talked for publication." he answered, "and don't intend to now

"Do you feel that you have not men enough under you?"
"Well, that is the trouble all through

DR. H. C. CLOSE **BROUGHT BACK** FROM MEXICO

Accused of Embezzlement and Bigamy and Fears Latter Charge Most.

Dr. Henry C. Close, a notorious criminal, whom the United States authorit'es have been fighting for six months to get back to this country from Mexico, where he was arrested at the request of the New York police for embezzlement and bigamy, arrived here to-day on the steamer Monterey in charge of two New York detectives. Dr. Close is the son of Prof. Close, a

well-known educator and for years head of a school in this city. The specific charge on which he has been brought back from Mexico is the embezziement of \$15,000 in money and a valuable collection of lenses from Folmer & Schwing. dealers in photographic supplies, at No. 407 Broome street. There are three alleged wives of Dr. Close, however, two of whom are anxious to prosecute him for bigamy. Wife No. 8 is loyal to Close, or was at last reports.

He is a clever man, and after reestablishing himself had no trouble in getting first-class positions. He entered the employ of Folmer & Schwing, and ose rapidly, finally becoming the firm's confidential man. He was absolutely trusted, and had the handling of large sums of meney. On Sept. 28 last he disappeared. An investigation into his accounts showed a shortage of about \$15,000, and afterwird it was discovered that a valuable lot of lenses were miss-

It was then that Close's remarkable matrimonial career was unearthed. It was discovered that in 1892 he har mar ried Sarah Phelan, later that he had married Marie Becker, of Montelair, and still later that he had married Mrs. May Parkinson Powers, of Pawtucket, R. I. There is no record of any divorces between these marriages.

Wife No. 3, it was discovered, had sailed for Mexico ahead of Close. He followed via Havana. Wife No. 1, in the meantime had track of her husband and went to Vera Cruz without any knowledge of the existence of other wives. She met No. 3 in Vera Cruz and there was a lively scene which ended by No. 1 coming back to New York.

Close was arrested in Veva Crus, but put up a vigorous fight, and it took six months to get him started for home.

FIREMAN BROWN DIES OF INJURIES RECEIVED.

Ceiling at Academy of Design Fell on Him While Fighting

Injuries received while fighting the fire in the National Academy of Design, in One Hundred and Ninth street, between Columbus and Amsterdam avenues, caused the death to-day of Firenues, caused the death to-day of Fireman William Brown, of Engine 76.

Brown, with two other firemen, was at work inside the burning building, when a hanging ceiling fell, burying the three men in its debris. Brown was injured internally. Deputy Chief Callahan took him to St. Luke's Hospital in his buggy.

The fireman lived at No. 31 West One Hundred and Sevensh street. He had a splendid record in the department.



HE'S HOT A MAN WITH A "HEAVY- SET" FACE

made last night over your head?"
"If any such raids were made I have received no information of them.' "How do you account for so many llegal hotels continuing to run wide open, with a steady stream of men and women of a shady class pouring in and out of them?"

the department; every one knows that.'

"Do you know anything of a couple of

raids that were supposed to have been

Taking his record book from the top of his roll-top desk, he started at the page headed "Jan. 5, 1906," and came up to date, showing me the records of wenty-nine arrests of persons on the charge of keeping a disorderly house, enough to do that, as the women get every one of the above named resorts to know the faces of all the plain being in the list and some of them appearing as having been raided twice.

Cases Pending in Court.

"I have twenty-seven cases of disorderly houses pending at the present time in the Court of General Sessions, and a couple of pool-room cases which, as you know, are mighty heard to get right' nowadays," Both of the resorts raided by Sergt.

Eggers have been raided recently by Capt. Hussey and they are among the cases pending in the Court of General Sessions. This is a matter of record, as he showed them to me on his blotter. What is the general outcome of such cases in the courts?" I asked.

detained here only until the patrol wagon arrived to take them to the "They are made to pay a fine of from Twenty-first Precinct Station, where they have a matron and a women's \$25 to \$250, generally about \$25, which they pay and continue business at the prison. same old stand until scooped in again. "In the cases of the women of the street, my men arrest them whenever they think they have the necessary evidence for a conviction on the charge of disorderly conduct, and they are made to pay a fine of \$10, which they do, going their way smiling. It is impossible to convict these women unless the conversation between the prisoner and the man accosted has been actually overheard by the officer. Now, you can imagine what a difficult matter it is to get close

"On the whole," continued the Captain, "I feel that I've been a mighty busy man since I've been in this precinct and have accomplished much, with twenty-nine raids on disorderly houses alone, all but two cases held for trial, and in many of the cases I have forced the property owners to serve dispossess notices on their tenants. Here are two of those dispossess summonses on my desk now."

On my wav out it struck me that perhaps some persons higher up in the city administration—higher than police captains—might perhaps be playing the dual role of reformer and crook.

enough to do that, as the women get

clothes men in a short time and steen

"Unless such absolute evidence is ob-

tained the arresting officer is often asked, 'What was the prisoner arrested for-breathing the air? Discharged for

Denies One Charge.

"As to the charge printed some days

ago that squads of plain clothes men

turn out from the station-house and re-

turn with a patrol wagon full of 'cruis-

ers.' there to be met and bailed out by

the professional bondsmen, let me say that never have we had more than five

women prisoners at a time in this sta-tion-house, and then they have been

"On the whole," continued the Cap-

clear of them.

lack of evidence.



hole in the sidewalk in front of the actress's house, No. 40 East Thirty-first Simpson charges Mrs. Bingham having carelessly left the cover to the coal hole unsecured. Mr. Simpson sprained his ankle and broke his leg.

A. H. Hummel, for Mrs. Bingham, said he had nothing to say, preferring to let the courts try the case.

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The "Raffles" series is to consist of nine stories, to be published under the general title of "A Thief in the Night." For the benefit of those who will wish to follow the adventures of "Raffles" as they appear in Collier's, a list of the stories, with the dates of publication, is given below.

The fourth of the "Raffles" series of nine stories is entitled "The Criminologists' Club," and is published in the April Household Number of Collier's. On sale now.

"By George!" I cried, in a sudden wave of enthusiasm, "I don't care how you've done it, or who has helped you, it's the biggest thing you ever did in your life!"

-The Criminologists' Club.

"Out of Paradise" was published December 10 "The Chest of Silver" was published Jan. 21 "The Field of Phillipi" The Sixth Story will be published May 27

The Seventh Story " "

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The Eighth Story will be published July ap The Ninth Story " " Aug. s6

Out of the 12,000 manuscripts submitted in the great Short Story Contest, Collier's purchased 52 in addition to the three prize stories-representing the choice of all this material.

It seems reasonable to believe that the best fiction for a year to come will be found in Collier's. The \$5,000 Prize Story will be published in the April Fiction Number. On sale everywhere on and after April 5.

LITTLE CHAPTERS OF

One of the most attractive concerts of the music season now waning is announced for next Thursday evening at Carnegie Hail. Eames, Ysaye and Has No Legal Rights in Streets and Violates Law by Consolidation. the New York Symphony Orchestra, Can Be Forced to Make Reasonable Charges or

the New York Symphony Orchestra, under Walter Damrosch, are to give it for the benefit of the Lower East Side Music School Settlement, at No. is East Third street.

The American prima donna will sing airs by Mozart and Bach and the familiar "Ave Maria," by Gounod, with violin obligate by Ysaye and the accompaniment of the orchestra, plano and organ. The Beigian violinist will be heard in Bruch's Concerto No. 2, in D minor, as well as in several of his own compositions.

Can Be Forced to Make

CHAPT. Quit Business.

Charter Lapsed.

companies could be merged into one. The old New Amsterdam Company

59 manufacture gas, and it never claimed manufacture gas, and it never claimed to have any franchise rights.

The Equitable Company was formed in 1882 and had no other franchise than a permit granted by the Mayor, Comptroller and Commissioner of Public Works. This being recognized as void, the Beard of Aldermen in 1884 underteek to confirm it but, this attempt to confirm it but, this attempt to confirm it being recognized as useless. INSTRUCTORS offer their services through Sunday World's Want Directory. See it to-morrow.

Anyhow, the charter of the Mutual Company has expired, because it ran for thirty years, from April 30, 1868, and

them, and there was no law under which the charter rights of all these never had any charter of any kind. It was simply a corporation organized to

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lapsed in 1898, seven years ago.

The New Amsterdam was formed by the consolidation of the New Amsterdam, the Equitable and the East River Companies. This consolidation was in itself invalid, as the charters of these companies were granted separately to them, and there was no law under Gas Trust's Slim Hold.

GAS TRUST HISTORY

After the Consolidated Gas Company the Legislature in 1885 passed a conwas formed in 1884 by the consolidation firmatory act.

is a Legal Tangle.

All False, Says Mrs. Healy.

the streets.

The Standard Company was incorporated in 1886 by a special act, which provides that "said company shall not consolidate or in any way unite with any other gas company in said city or in

Gas Trust's Slim Hold. This would leave only two charters, both of them defective in their inception and soon to expire, on which the Gas Trust could rely with any prospect of

The pipes which the Consolidated Gas Company has laid have no possible title to legal existence, because the Consoli-dated Company has no franchise whatdated Company has a solution solver.

This summary of the legal position shows that in greater part the gaspipes are trespassers upon the public streets, and that the city authorities can compel their owners to make reasonable terms to the city or go out of business.

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